## State of Hawaii DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Forestry and Wildlife Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

August 12, 2010

Chairperson and Members Board of Land and Natural Resources State of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO AWARD AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS FOR FY 2011 STATEWIDE WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANTS (RFP WPPG11)

This Board Submittal requests approval to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) and authorize the Chair to award and execute contracts for watershed management statewide.

## **BACKGROUND**

Funds for the watershed partnership program grants are from the Natural Area Reserve Fund (State special funds). Contracts will be awarded to the most qualified proposals, based on evaluation criteria specified in the RFP. These grants have been awarded annually since 2005.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve the issuance of an RFP for Statewide Watershed Partnership Program Grants and authorize the Chair to award and execute Contracts for Goods and Services, subject to availability of funds, approval as to form by the Attorney General's Office, and other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL J. CONRY, Administrator Division of Forestry and Wildlife

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

LAURA H. THIBLEN, Chairperson

Board of Land and Natural Resources